

# Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

- ▶ What is RMTS?
  - A **statistical sampling technique** that will be used to capture the amount of time spent providing **direct services** to students by qualified health service practitioners that bill in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program
- ▶ Why is DHCS moving to RMTS for the LEA Program?
  - As a term and condition of DHCS' resolution to the SMAA program deferral, **DHCS agreed to implement a combined cost allocation methodology** for the SMAA and LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Programs
- ▶ SPA 15-021 will be submitted to CMS by **9/30/2015** and will include references to RMTS methodology.

# Impact on LEA Billing Option Program

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California Department of Health Care Services  
LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

- RMTS results will be used to replace the “percentage of time” component on the CRCS:

**Worksheet A: Costs of Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP**

x Practitioner Type	Does Your LEA Receive Federal Funding for this Practitioner Type? (Yes or No)	Salaries + Benefits + Other Costs – Federal Funds		Dates of Service 7/1/12 - 6/30/13	
		Net Total Personnel Costs A	Percent of Time Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP B	Cost of Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP C = A*B	
Psychologists	No	239,354	8.84%	21,164	
Social Workers		-	0	-	
Counselors		-	0	-	
School Nurses	No	76,580	12.07%	9,241	
Licensed Vocational Nurses		-	0	-	
Trained Health Care Aides	Yes	184,101	28.24%	51,996	
Speech-Language Pathologists	No	345,248	24.67%	85,157	
Audiologists		-	0	-	
Physical Therapists		-	0	-	
Occupational Therapists		-	0	-	
Physicians/Psychiatrists		-	0	-	

a. Service Costs (Sum, F1 - F11)	\$ 167,557
b. Service Costs Excluded from Indirect Cost Rate Application	\$ 752
c. Service Costs Included in Indirect Cost Rate Application (a - b)	\$ 166,806
d. Indirect Cost Rate	6.22%
e. Indirect Costs (c * d)	\$ 10,375
f. Total Service Costs (a + e)	\$ 177,933
g. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)	50.00%
h. Medi-Cal Maximum Reimbursable (f * g)	\$ 88,966
i. Interim Medi-Cal Reimbursement for LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP	\$ 90,992
j. Overpayment/(Underpayment) (i - h)	\$ 2,025

Multiplied by Medicaid Eligibility Ratio

# RMTS Design

- ▶ DHCS is working with a group of stakeholders on the RMTS design for the LEA Program.
  - Ten Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meetings to date
  - IAG meeting summaries on the LEA Program Website at:  
[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA\\_RMTS.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx)
- ▶ The RMTS Stakeholder Feedback Tool is available on the LEA Program website (RMTS landing page, link above).
  - Submitted comments will be addressed during IAG Meetings
  - Submitted comments are treated confidentially

# RMTS Resources

The screenshot displays the California Department of Health Care Services website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, SERVICES, INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDERS & PARTNERS, FORMS, LAWS & PUBLICATIONS, and DATA & STATISTICS. A search bar and a 'Select Language' dropdown are also present. The main content area is titled 'Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing' and 'Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)'. It provides information about the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program and the RMTS process. A sidebar on the left lists various resources, including 'NEW - Random Moment Time Study'. A large blue box with a white arrow points to the 'NEW - Random Moment Time Study' link. Another blue box with a white arrow points to the 'RMTS Quick Profile Page' link. A third blue box with a white arrow points to the 'Stakeholder Feedback Tool' link. A fourth blue box with a white arrow points to the 'RMTS IAG Meeting Summaries' link. The text 'Overview of RMTS and how it impacts the LEA Program' is written inside the first blue box. The text 'Feedback Tool' is written inside the second blue box. The text 'IAG Meeting Summaries' is written inside the third blue box.

**Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing**

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing reimbursement for health assessment and treatment within the school environment. A LEA provider (generalist or specialist) who employs or contracts with qualified medical practitioners.

**Getting Started**

- LEA Program Requirements and Links to Required Documents
- NEW - Onboarding Handbook
- NEW - Internal Administrative Functions Chart

**Program Information**

- LEA Program Description
- Related Programs
- Glossary of Terms

**NEW - Random Moment Time Study**

**Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)**

The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program will be transitioning to a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) as part of the cost settlement process. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is working on the design and development of a new RMTS for Direct Services provided through the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. The results of the RMTS will be combined with provider-specific costs, in order to determine provider-specific reimbursement for direct service claiming.

*For an overview of RMTS and the RMTS areas and topics that impact LEAs participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, please click on the link below:*

**RMTS Quick Profile Page**

DHCS maintains RMTS as a standard meeting. In addition, DHCS has developed an Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) comprised of a limited number of technically qualified stakeholders. The IAG participants work in a collaborative environment with DHCS on RMTS implementation issues, and welcome your thoughts and feedback on this matter. The link to the Stakeholder Feedback Tool below provides you with an opportunity to provide feedback related to RMTS Implementation for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. The IAG commits to reviewing and discussing comments received, but will not be responding to individual stakeholders.

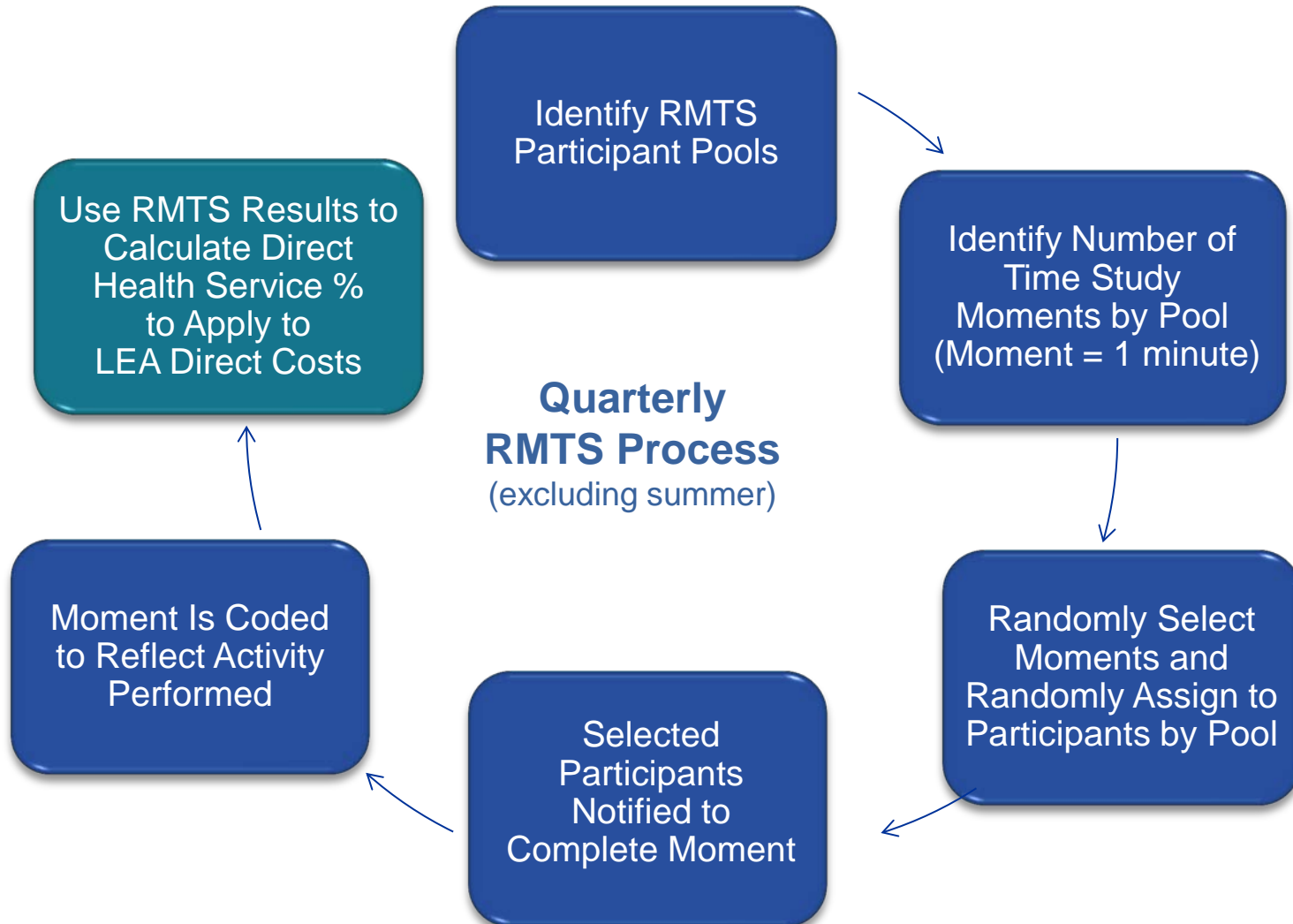
*IAG welcomes input from stakeholders on RMTS implementation issues, please click on the link below:*

**Stakeholder Feedback Tool**

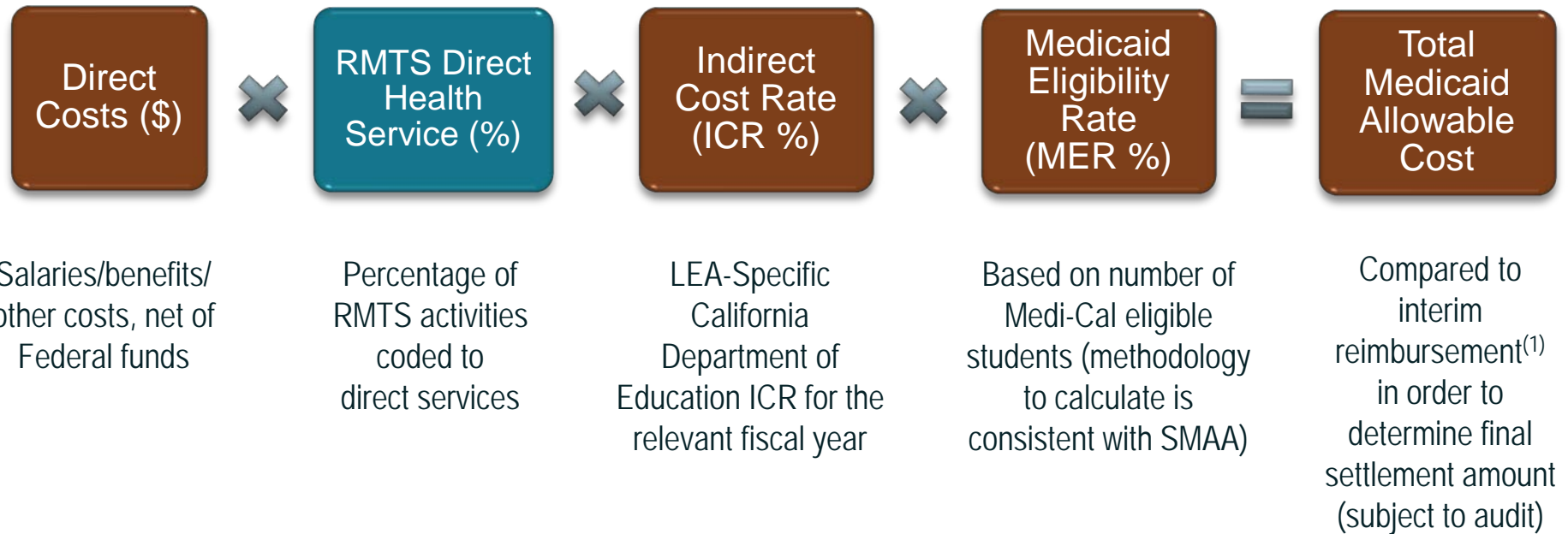
Following are the RMTS IAG meeting summaries:

- RMTS IAG Summary - July 15, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - June 24, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - June 3, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - May 20, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - April 28, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - April 8, 2015

# Steps in the Quarterly RMTS Process



# RMTS – Impact on Cost Settlement



*Notes: Subject to CMS Approval; Transportation cost settlement will follow a separate methodology, which will not utilize RMTS results.*

*Note: (1) Under LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program*

# LEA Billing Option Program

## RMTS “Quiz”

Question	YES	NO
Will LEAs continue to submit claims to Medi-Cal?	✓	
Will my LEA continue to receive interim reimbursement for submitted claims within the LEA Billing Option Program?	✓	
Will RMTS eliminate the need for the CRCS?		✓
Will LEAs be required to continue reporting salaries, benefits and other costs on an annual cost report?	✓	
Does RMTS eliminate the need to document delivery of services?		✓
Is my LEA required to participate in RMTS, once implemented?	✓	
Can I communicate my questions/concerns to DHCS? <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx</a>	✓	

***Note: Responses are subject to CMS SPA Approval***